

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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November 2015

Dear Prayer Partner, Supporter, and Friend,

We here at Teen Challenge “cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in our prayers.” Paul the Apostle said in Col. 1:9, “We do not cease to pray for you.” We love and appreciate each of you very much. You are very important to us and this ministry. Thank you for your love, prayers and financial support.

The good news is that God is faithful to deliver and set addicts and alcoholics free through the power of Jesus Christ. He breaks the bands of wickedness, forgives, heals, and imparts His glorious salvation to the sinner. His joy and freedom fills their lives, and they love Him much. Their lives are like the sinful woman with the alabaster box of ointment. She stood at the feet of Jesus, behind Him weeping. She washed His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head, and kissed His feet, and anointed them with ointment. Jesus said concerning this woman, “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.” Many of the students' lives are also like the sinful woman taken in adultery, in the very act. Jesus totally forgave her. He said, “Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”

God delivers these bound and afflicted ones from the powers of darkness, translates them into the kingdom of His dear Son, gives them redemption (deliverance, freedom) through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

You talk about joy unspeakable and full of glory. That's the joy we here at Teen Challenge experience on a continual basis. “The joy of the Lord is our strength.” Thank you for being a part of this glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit here at Teen Challenge.

Both of the fundraising banquets at Grand Rapids and Muskegon were glorious. The presence of God was mighty. Thank God for the generosity of His people.

This Month's Graduates

Hannah Hafner



Brad Galloway



Elizabeth Bacon



Laura Kelly



GRADUATE TESTIMONIES ON BACK.

Holland Christmas Fund- raising Banquet

Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Beechwood Reformed Church
895 Ottawa Beach Road
Holland, Michigan

Come, bring a friend, and fill a table of eight or two tables of sixteen with guests. Make your reservation by calling 231-798-7927 and ask for Cindy.

Building Repairs

My, we have all kinds of much-needed repairs and remodeling being done at the men's center at Teen Challenge right now. Thank God for our staff, Ken and Greg, who are gifted and talented to accomplish such tasks. Things are coming along well. But, we have much to do yet. Also, thank God for a married couple who is helping us financially with these much needed changes.

November Graduation

JOIN US for this graduation service November 5 at 7:00 pm at Teen Challenge, 440 Pontaluna Rd, Muskegon.

I love Jesus and this wonderful ministry. Lives are being salvaged daily. People are growing in God and being disciplined after Jesus Christ. How wonderful to watch the glorious changes take place in each student's life as they surrender their life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Rejoice with us as God continues to work mightily. And remember, Michelle and I, and all of the staff and students here at Teen Challenge love you.

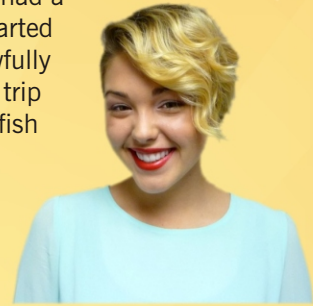
God Bless,

Phil & Michelle McClain



Graduate Testimonies

My name is **Hannah Hafner** and I'm 20 years old from Centerline, MI. I had a lot of hurt that I would not allow God to heal. I was foolish in my halfhearted attempt to win the world for God, and at the age of 16, I became sorrowfully trapped almost immediately after returning home from my first missions trip to Hong Kong. My life became contaminated with sin. Three years of selfish living and compromise brought me to my knees, and I decided to come to Teen Challenge rather than to pursue the things of the world. In God's grace and relentless love, He gave me a new beginning. During my time at Teen Challenge, the Lord has renewed my mind and restored my life. Today, my life is built upon a firm foundation. Jesus Christ set me free, and through Him I am a new creation. I am excited for a future of serving Him with all of my heart and I am ready to make a stand. **Col 3:15, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."** (NIV)



My name is **Brad Galloway** and I'm 32 years old from Sandusky, MI. For a long time, I lived a life of compromise and I tried to handle life's difficulties in my own strength, until I realized how out of control my life really was. I had become a Heroin addict who neglected my family, and I was on my way to prison. I lost nearly everything I cared about, but the Lord made a way to save my life by bringing me into Teen Challenge. Since coming to Teen Challenge I have become a believer in Christ, and the Lord has restored my relationships with my family. **2 Sam 22:17-18, "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me."** (NIV)



My name is **Elizabeth Bacon** and I'm 28 years old from Montague, MI. I was raised in a broken home, and I became very rebellious at a young age; always searching for something to fill the void I had in my heart. I became addicted to alcohol at the age of 18, and I was a functioning alcoholic for years. Over the course of 10 years, I became addicted to prescription pain pills and IV drugs, which sent my life spiraling out of control. I lost custody of my two children and was estranged from my husband. After a DUI landed me in jail, I realized that I needed a radical change in my life. Since coming to Teen Challenge, I have been delivered from bondage. God has restored my family and has filled me with love and joy unspeakable. He has worked miracles in my life where I could not succeed in my own strength. Today, I put all my trust and hope in Him. **Mark 5:34, "And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."** (NKJV)



My name is **Laura Kelly** and I'm 29 years old from Columbus, MI. I grew up in a loving home with Christian parents, but I never developed my own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I came to Teen Challenge after realizing that my worldly desires were only leading me to emptiness. As a registered nurse, I was introduced to pain medication and other narcotics. My dependency on these medications quickly led to my abusing them, and eventually to street drugs such as heroin and cocaine. I became very depressed and was even having thoughts of suicide. After trying secular rehab, my husband and I decided that Teen Challenge would be the only option for my life. Since coming to Teen Challenge I have found my identity, my hope, and a passionate love for the Lord Jesus Christ. He has brought my marriage to complete restoration and has given me radiance and joy in Him. I stand on the scripture **Psalms 116:102, "I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me I will call on him as long as I live."**

